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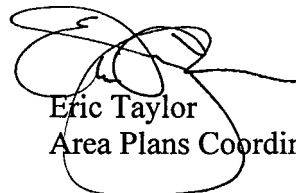
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Dear Mr. Dolezal:

Thank you for your memorandum of April 24 concerning the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan draft *Aviation Improvement Analysis Technical Memorandum*. The document is being revised significantly from the draft version, primarily due to a number of errors found in the data. The organization of findings will also be revised, but they are of course dependent upon correct data.

Concerning the airports you cited, we will include them in the revision. Egegik, Nikolski and Port Alsworth were the omissions of most concern from our perspective; the consultant misunderstood a prior communication with the Department about state-owned vs. community-owned, U.S. Government-owned or privately-owned airports. As our analysis is tied roughly to changes in demand due to population growth and economic factors, airports like Port Moller with no community to support will be unaffected. Adak has two 7000-ft runways already, and it is unlikely that our analysis approach could indicate the need for additional runway expansion. The Department has no plans to take over operation of that facility or any of the airports cited in your memorandum.

Sincerely,



Eric Taylor
Area Plans Coordinator